

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claims 1-16 have been amended, and new claims 17-20 have been added.

The specification and claims have been amended to address the Examiner's objections, incorporate the Examiner's suggestions and to place the application in better form. The claims have also been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, and to further highlight and more clearly point out the important features of the invention. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful reading of this application, for pointing out discrepancies, for providing suggestions, and indicating allowable subject matter.

Claim 14 has been rejected as being anticipated by Kashima '447. Claims 14-16 have been rejected as being anticipated by Klippert '954. Applicant has amended claim 14 to set forth that the process includes the step of providing a support defining a plurality of through holes, and that the step of injecting is operated through these through holes. Applicant finds no teaching nor suggestion of these steps in 447 or 954. Applicant notes that amended claim 14 now includes many of the features of claim 1, and that claim 1 has been indicated to be allowable. It is applicant's position that claim 14 now also defines over the prior art for the same reasons as claim 1.

New claim 17 has been added to set forth the step of compressing the sample onto the support. Applicant finds no teaching nor suggestion of any step of compressing in 447 or 954. Claims 17 therefore further defines over the prior art.

New claims 18 and 19 have been added to set forth that the plate has a support face

supporting the textile sample, and that the through holes in the plate cross through this support face. In the embodiment of the present drawings, the support face is the top of the plate 1. The injecting is further set forth in these claims as injecting liquid through the support face. Applicant finds no teaching nor suggestion of these features in the applied prior art. Therefore claims 18 and 19 further define over the applied prior art.

New independent claim 20 has been added to set forth a process where liquid is injected through a base plate and into a textile sample. Applicant has reviewed the applied prior art, and finds no teaching nor suggestion of injecting liquid into a textile sample. Instead the applied prior art appears to specifically set forth structure which prevents liquid in any base plate from coming into contact with a textile sample. Therefore claim 20 cannot be anticipated by the applied prior art. Furthermore, since the applied prior art teaches away from injecting liquid into a sample, claim 20 cannot be obvious in view of the applied prior art.


Applicant is enclosing a new declaration as requested.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

At this time Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and based on the above amendments and remarks, respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

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Attached: Abstract  
Declaration

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